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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

REED et al.

Application No.: 09/724,685

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For: COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR IMMUNOTHERAPY AND DIAGNOSIS OF TUBERCULOSIS Examiner:

Swartz

Art Unit:

1645

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIRMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition to extend the time for response for one month, from June 16, 2003 to July 16, 2003, is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.